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## SEEK AIRTIGHT D. C. RENT LAW

Tenants Will Ask Congress for Ball Act Revision That Is Court-Proof.

The Tenants' Protective League will ask Congress to enact a measure against rent profiteering in the District of Columbia early in December. The league will urge Congress to enact a law that will amend the Ball Act to make it effective in the courts in the District of Columbia.

The league, which has been in operation about two years, is taking the side of tenants in cases where landlords are asking an exorbitant rent, and prosecuting appeals through the courts at cost. The membership of the league is not confined to the smaller class of Washington residents, but includes such persons as Postmaster Merritt O. Chance, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and members of the French and Belgian embassies. About twenty cases a day are now being handled by the league in the interests of tenants. A few days ago they prepared appeals for tenants in a single apartment house. There are more human interest stories told in the offices of the league in the Continental Trust Building, Fourteenth and H streets northwest, in a day than are heard in any of the local courts in a month. George P. Hart, general counsel of the league, and F. L. Magruder, secretary of the league, said today.

### WOMAN PAINTS AT THREAT.

Last week a woman in a very nervous state entered the office and told a story of a landlord coming to her place the day before and demanding the apartment the next day under pain of throwing her furniture out on the street. She stated during the weeping recital of her story and had to be escorted home. In another case several tenants of an apartment house in Georgetown were thrown into a state of terror when the landlord came to the house and demanded that they be given immediate possession of apartments. He was accompanied by a policeman in uniform and the presence of the policeman, it was said, frightened the occupants of the apartments. In a few cases the league has come in possession of facts where tenants were put out of their homes without legal measures.

### PERSECUTE VETERAN'S WIDOW.

The league is prosecuting an appeal in another case where a woman whose husband was killed in France is trying to keep her family of two children alive by working in a Government department. Her rent was recently raised 100 per cent, more than she can pay on her meager Government salary. In another case a man employed in the Government had his rent raised out of proportion by a landlord. He has a wife and six children, and only gets \$1,200 a year salary. He has a boy who is going to high school, and he says that if he was compelled to pay the rent asked he would have to take the boy out of school and put him to work to help support the family. He told Mr. Magruder, secretary of the league, that he wanted to give the boy an education, and appealed to him to help him.

A tenant who has a grievance against a landlord need not be a member of the league to obtain advice, it was said. The league was formed to help everyone, and no discrimination is made because a person is not a member of the association. If, after obtaining the legal advice the tenant wants to prosecute an appeal, the league will handle the appeal for the court costs. The actual cost of taking an appeal through the courts, including the court fees, and clerk's fees is \$47.

Mr. Hart, general counsel for the league, today said that he had no complaint to make against the Municipal Court, because that court was giving the tenant's benefit of every legal technicality. He said he was of the same opinion as the Department of Justice, however, that as the decision of the Court of Appeals was being carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, that the Municipal Court was not bound by the decision of the District Court of Appeals.

### DEFENSIVE ORGANIZATION.

"The Tenants' League is a defensive organization," Mr. Magruder said, "and we are not fighting the landlords of Washington in general. We are fighting the profiteering landlords, however, and will continue to do so until the necessity ceases. In several cases which have been brought to us we have discovered overt acts on the part of landlords that amount to an unlawful act, and we are going to prosecute them."

"The main objects of the league are: 'Unity against arbitrary demands of landlords, especially when at-

## All Dressed But No Place to Go



tempts are made to displace reputable and prompt paying tenants purposely to profiteer in rents.

"To consider equitable revision of the landlord and tenant law in the District of Columbia, and urge legislation concerning rent regulation."

"To co-operate on matters involving tenancy and as an organization to meet organizations all allied with landlords, with competitive fervor, seeking even-handed justice."

"To foil actions by landlords not justified by circumstances and law."

"And to minimize the expense of going to court when necessary."

In many instances when the league has sought to acquaint tenants of apartment houses with the objects of the league by placing statements in the letter boxes, Mr. Magruder said, the janitors, on the orders of the landlords, have removed the circulars from the boxes in the lobby of the apartment houses. To overcome this, a plan has been evolved of sending the literature by mail. The league is watching to see if any of them are abstracted from the letter boxes, and if they are, they will bring criminal prosecution of the guilty parties.

## LIFE JUST ONE BIG LOAF FOR FIRE CHIEF WATSON

For thirty days George S. Watson has been chief of the District Fire Department. For thirty days there has been no fire big enough for the new chief to attend. And for thirty days the big red automobile of the chief's has not had an opportunity to rush through the city streets. A chief of a fire department is not disturbed. "Our business is good when there's no business," the chief said this morning.

The regulations require the chief to attend every second alarm fire. During his first month's services there have been no two-alarm fires.

## Jews to Celebrate Monday and Tuesday

The last two days of the Feast of Succoth will be celebrated by the Jews of this city at the local synagogues on Monday and Tuesday.

Rabbi Nathan H. Colish will speak at the Adas Israel Congregation, Sixth and I streets northwest, at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. He will take as his topic, "The Life of Jacob H. Schiff." This talk will be followed by a memorial service.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning the completion of the reading of the law will be followed by a celebration for adults and children.

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## 'INFO' SECTION BEGUN BY U.S.

Efficiency Bureau Prepared to Tell Anybody Anything About Government.

The United States Bureau of Efficiency has established an information service section for the use of Government officials and the public. This section is the outgrowth of the bureau's inquiry into the duplication of work in the Government service, undertaken by direction of Congress. In connection with this investigation an index was built up, consisting of about 20,000 entries of all major activities of the Government from 1913 to date, and it is the purpose of the bureau to keep this index current.

While the index was primarily intended solely for Government use it was found to form too valuable a directory of Government functions to confine its use to Government officials so the Bureau of Efficiency has created a section for the purpose of answering inquiries as to what has been done by the Government in certain fields of endeavor, and where to go to find the information pertaining to any activity. In other words the index is a reference index to activities and offices.

If you are interested, for instance, in the primitive condition of prehistoric man, in present-day activities in education, in agriculture, or in commerce and do not know what the Government has done, and is doing in these fields, or where to apply for the classification and biology of the corn-leaf beetles (Myochrous denticollis) write the United States Bureau of Efficiency, Washington.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN D. C. TO START OCT. 9

Citizens' Committee Is Arranging Elaborate Program of Demonstrations in Campaign.

Next week is "Fire Prevention Week." The citizens' committee appointed by the District Commissioners to arrange for demonstrations "Fire Prevention Day," October 9, today decided to extend for one week the program to prevent fires.

Addresses will be made in every school house, before citizens' associations and other places. The committee is arranging an elaborate program.

## SUNDAY CONCERTS OFFER CHANCE TO D. C. SINGERS

Johnson-Powell Community Center Plans Series This Winter to Test Children's Voices.

If there's an embryo Geraldine Farrar or Enrico Caruso growing within the confines of the Johnson-Powell Community Center, he will not be allowed to go unrecognized, and his talent go to naught.

With a view toward discovering marked talent in the boys and girls of the neighborhood, the Johnson-Powell Community Center has planned a series of Sunday afternoon concerts to be given this winter, at which the voices of the children will be tried out in solo and in concert.

Other features which have been arranged for the winter program are classes in rhythmic and social dancing, French, Spanish, stenography, civics, millinery, bookmaking, domestic science, and elocution.

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## 3 D. C. PROFITEERS UNABLE TO SELL \$10,000 EARS

What's an ear worth? Three Washingtonians, anxious to part with an ear apiece, placed \$10,000 as the minimum value. A Baltimore court yesterday gave Max Margolin a verdict of \$1,500 for the loss of a small portion of the upper part of his ear.

Viewed in the light of the court's decision, it would seem that there are "ear profiteers" as well as rent profiteers in the National Capital. Incidentally, the three Washingtonians are still trying to sell their ears.

## KELLY TO EXPLAIN P. O. SAVINGS PLAN

Will Detail Expansion Plans to Parkview Community Center Tonight.

Congressman M. Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania will make his first public statement of his plans for the expansion of the postal savings system tonight at the opening meeting of the fall session of the Park View Community Center. The meeting will be held in the Park View School, Newton and Warder streets northwest, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Mabel T. Boardman and Dr. Frank W. Ballou, Superintendent of Schools, will speak on general District and school improvement. This will be the first time the new Commissioners and the new Superintendent of Schools have spoken from the same platform.

The fourth anniversary of the dedication of the Park View School will be celebrated tonight. Miss Frances S. Fairley, principal of the school, will review the four years' development of the school, in which the first District community center was opened, in which the first school house postoffice in the United States was opened, and in which the first community center store was organized.

Miss Cecil B. Norton, the general community center secretary, will announce the program for this fall.

George H. Russell, head of the Park View Citizens' Association, will preside. The Park View Community Orchestra will play, making its first appearance of the season.

The meeting will be followed by a reception to Miss Boardman and Dr. Ballou and to the new teachers in the school.

## CAPT. HOWELL'S FUNERAL HELD AT LEE CHAPEL

Funeral Services for Capt. Robert Parsons Howell, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., who died Wednesday at Garfield Memorial Hospital after an illness of several months, were held this morning in the Lee Chapel. Following the services the body was sent to Blairtown, N. J., Captain Howell's birthplace, where interment will be made.

Captain Howell was forty-seven years old. He graduated from Lehigh University in 1896 and soon afterward joined the Geological Survey. After serving here for some time he entered the hydraulic department of the navy and was put in charge of mapping the ports of Cuba following the Spanish-American war.

He then retired to private life, taking up civil engineering in New Jersey and New York City.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, his parents, and one sister, Mrs. Frank G. Wilkins, of this city.

## DELAY DEMAND FOR PAY RAISE

D. C. Employees to Wait Until Commissioners Complete Estimates for 1921.

The City Employees Association will not press its demands for higher pay for per diem District employees until after October 15, when the District Commissioners have completed estimates for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner J. Thilman Hendrick was in conference yesterday with Joseph H. Hurley, president of the association, and requested the employees to defer any action until the new Commissioners had time to make a thorough study of the situation.

Hurley will comply with the Commissioners' request and on October 15 is expected to file with the commission a statement outlining the new rates of pay wanted for per diem employees.

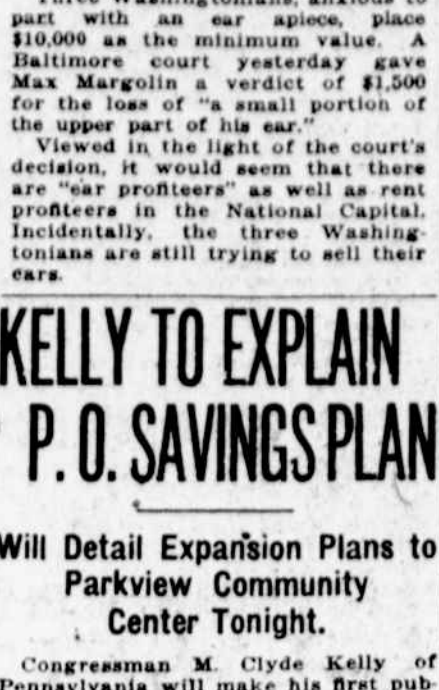
## EAST BOUNDARY TO URGE N. E. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

R. F. D. Mails and Street Car Crowding Also to Be Discussed at Meeting Tonight.

The need of a junior high school for the northeast section will be discussed at a meeting this evening of the officers of the East Boundary Citizens' Association at the Burrville public school.

A diversified program has been arranged for the meeting, which is the first of the fall schedule. The annual election of officers will take place during the early part of the evening, and will be followed by discussion of the following subjects: Present unsatisfactory conditions of the R. F. D. mail service and lack of postal facilities; overcrowding of street cars, and the need for a junior high school.

## CONGRESSMAN M. CLYDE KELLY, of Pittsburgh, who will explain his plan to aid home building through the Postal Savings system at a meeting in Park View school house tonight.



## Smith, Miss Margaret Cecil, Miss Jennie McGraw, Miss Regina Buckley, Miss Alice Bradley and Miss Nellie Grovnan.

This evening, the Holy Name Society and the Third Sunday Brigade of St. Aloysius Church will be guests of the club, with the Rt. Rev. Edward Sweeney, president of Gonzaga College, as the speaker of the evening.

The school children of the community will be entertained at a matinee at the club on Saturday afternoon. Various forms of amusement and games have been arranged under the supervision of Mrs. B. T. Carlin.

## BEAUTY CONTEST ROUSES INTEREST AT CARNIVAL

Members of the Columbus Country Club say they do not envy the judges who will be called upon to pick the winner in the young women's popularity contest which is being conducted as a feature of the carnival at Fort Berry, Va., this week.

The winner is to be selected from the following list of entrants, anyone of whom, if you are to take the word of the members of the club, is a ravishing beauty: Miss Marie O'Connor, Miss Dorothy Nealine, Miss Irene

## Soft Drink Business Increasing

Prohibition, according to the observation of business men, does not necessarily mean decreased expenditure for things to drink, but rather the sharing of the expenditure by all the members of the family instead of by only one. The spread of soft drink establishments continues, and the demand for help in these establishments is sharp. Fortunately it is easy to get such help through The Times. Mr. Jefferson, 1353 Wisconsin avenue, advertised for a soda dispenser and "50 men applied."

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Beef Liver, lb. . . . 15c

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Veal Cutlets, lb. . . . 45c

Shoulder Veal (for roasting), lb. . . . 25c

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Rib Lamb Chops, lb. . . . 35c

Loin Lamb Chops, lb. . . . 35c

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Smoked Shoulders, small, lb. 26c

Loin Pork Chops, lb. . . . 49c

Lean Pork Chops (real snap), lb. . . . 33c

Machine Sliced Bacon, lb. . . . 44c

Fresh Shoulders, lb. . . . 30c

Smoked Hams, 8 to 10 lbs., lb. . . . 35c

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